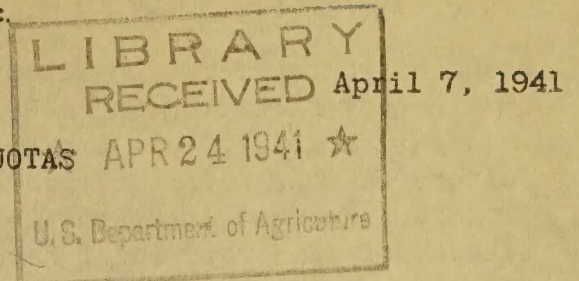


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PEANUT MARKETING QUOTAS



Dear Committeeman:

Peanut farmers have an opportunity, by democratic action under the National farm program, to do something to protect the price of their product. Committeemen in the peanut producing areas will have new responsibilities and a new opportunity to help put into effect a program provision designed to aid a considerable group of farmers.

Peanut growers are faced with deciding whether to forestall further surplus production by using marketing quotas. In recent years the government has helped to keep a floor under prices by financing a diversion program. The acreage of peanuts picked and threshed for market has gone up from 1,478,000 acres in 1935 to 1,907,000 in 1940. For this reason, further efforts to support the market without marketing quotas do not appear to be feasible.

A referendum is to be held on Saturday, April 26, in which growers will decide whether to approve or disapprove peanut marketing quotas.

Some important facts are:

1. A recent amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 authorizes the use of marketing quotas for peanuts in a manner similar to programs now in operation for cotton and tobacco. If two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum approve quotas, they will be in effect for the 1941, 1942, and 1943 crops.
2. Peanut loans, or a diversion program, or both, will be available to growers in each year for which quotas are approved. The law prohibits loans or a diversion program if growers reject quotas. The diversion programs of 1940 and previous years greatly increased the income of peanut growers.
3. The marketing quota for a farm will be the actual production on the acreage allotment under the Agricultural Conservation Program.
4. The Agricultural Conservation Program for peanuts, providing for acreage allotments and payments, will be continued in 1941.

It is important that farmers and the public be fully informed of all facts concerning this referendum during the short time that remains before Saturday, April 26. If you have not already done so, you should

acquaint yourself fully with the contents of "Questions and Answers on the 1941 Peanut Marketing Quota Referendum." You should also see that this information gets to all professional workers and others interested in agriculture in your territory, and make every reasonable effort to see that farmers, business interests, and all persons who would be affected by the outcome of this referendum have an opportunity to understand the situation.

Sincerely yours,

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